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June 15, 2000

Laura Y. Hogue., E.I.T. Project Manager City of College Station P.O. Box 9960 College Station, Texas 77842

Re.: North Forest Parkway Extension

Recommendation for Award

COCS No. ST-9912 ABEI #1002003

Dear Ms. Hogue:

As you are aware, we conducted the bid opening for the above referenced project on June 13, 2000. Please find attached the bid tabulation for this bid opening. As requested by the City, the bids have been checked for completeness and accuracy. Mathematical errors were found in the bids which were received. Please refer to the notes at the bottom of the bid tabulation for an explanation of the corrections. All totals were revised in accordance with Item 16 - Award of Contract of the Instruction to Bidders.

Based on our experience, we believe that streets constructed with a black base in lieu of a flexible base are more durable and have a longer service life. The time of construction is also considerably decreased when constructing a street with a black base. Due to the time constraints of this project and that the low bid for Alternate #1 (black base alternate) is only \$6,260.83 over the base bid, we recommend that the City of College Station award the contract to the low bidder of Alternate #1.

If you should have any questions or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

ASH & BROWNE ENGINEERING, INC.

J. Dale Browne, Jr., P.E.

**Enclosure**